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Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
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Renewable Resources Grant and Loan Program

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RE: Livingston Ditch Water Users Association Testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

First, I want to apologize that I was unable to present my testimony in person; however, I am currently in North Carolina attending a wedding. Therefore, I hope this letter will suffice and effectively portray my message to consider funding the Livingston Ditch Water Efficiency and Infrastructure Protection Project.

My name is Dave Haug I have been the Livingston Ditch Water Users Association President for approximately 10 years and I have served on the board for an additional 10 years. I enjoy the challenges and addressing the numerous problems that face the Livingston Ditch several times a year. However, we are learning to tackle these endeavors from a long-term approach. That is why we are approaching DNRC through the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program to acquire funds to solve our most paramount problem.

The Livingston Ditch Water Efficiency and Infrastructure Protection Project is essential to the longevity of the entire ditch as the proposed project entails completing a final design and installation of 600 feet of 60-inch diameter CMP. Reducing leakage from the Livingston Ditch will conserve water through the entire Livingston Ditch system by reducing the amount of water required to be supplied through the ditch to meet individual irrigator's needs.

I believe the funds requested in the proposal will be extremely beneficial and instrumental to not only water users on the ditch but the surrounding community as well. Rehabilitating this section of the ditch will alleviate maintenance efforts and reduce potential hazards to the citizens and infrastructure of the City of Livingston and Park County. This project will improve exterior slope stability, reduce health and safety issues and eliminate degradation to adjacent properties. The proposed project will also support the protection of the Yellowstone River and its tributaries by addressing water conservation and canal impairment issues.

I strongly endorse the Park CD and the Ditch Association's efforts to address water seepage problem areas through the Livingston Ditch Infrastructure Improvement Project. Thank you for your time and consideration, and again I apologize for not attending the legislative hearing but hope that this letter has portrayed my concerns and support of this important project.

Dave Haug  
Livingston Ditch Water Users Association, President

